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CHASKA, MINN, THURSDAY DECEMBER 2, 1886.

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Holiday Goods, AT EDELL BROS., AN IMMENSE ASSORTMENT AND PRICES, That Defies A Com Petition.

Guaranteed all Wool White Blankets 3.75.
Colored Blankets 1.25.
Good white Blankets 2.50.
Shirting flannels all wool 40c pr yard.
Minneapolis Red Double width flannel 95c pr yard.
Cotton flannels 8c pr yard.
White shaker flannels 20c pr yard.

Swiss Condes Underwear 2.75 pr suit.
Mens Blue flannel shirts 1.25.
Pink and Robe calicoes 7c pr yard.
Best Dress Prints 5c pr yard.
Gingham 10c pr yd.
All wool Tricots 55c pr yard.
Half wool colored cashmere, 20c pr yard.
All wool Blk Cashmere 50c pr yard.

Mens all wool Worsted suits 8.50.
Mens all wool Over Coats 5.50.
" Fur Caps only 1.50.
Excellent Ladies Skirts 1.00.
Mens Wool Boots 1.25.
Nine quarter unbleached Muslin 20c pr yard.
Heavy all wool Red flannel at 22c pr yard.

Mens Mackinaw Jackets at 2.50
Good Boys suits at 2.75.
Mens Cotton Suits at 4.50.
Ladies felt Opera slippers at 1.50.
Mens unlaundried shirt worth 1.25, at 75 cts.
All wool cordigan Jackets 1.50
Turkey Red Table cloth 45c pr yard.

A large assortment of men's caps very cheap.
Ladies heavy shawls cheaper than ever.
We carry the largest assortment of Boots and Shoes and guarantee every article at Rock bottom prices.
In comfortable we have a large assortment very cheap.
Examine our stock of clothing before purchasing elsewhere.

Also an elegant line of Fancy Dress buttons and Trimmings, Colored silk Plushes, Ladies, Misses and Childrens Hoods, Silk and Fancy Handkerchiefs, Hand Bags and Purses, Mufflers.
Corsets in all colors and prices.
Bargains in Ladies underwear in white and colored.
Knitting silks in all colors 40 cts pr ball.

German town, German Knitting, Common Yarns, and Saxony yarns in all colors and lowest prices.
In Ladies and Childrens Hosiery we are headquarters.
Our all wool double fold Triest in all colors at 55c is a great bargain.
A good line of Childrens cloaks, Ladies all wool Cloaks 5.50

In the Grocery line we have no competitors, our prices on Groceries are always below competition.
Ladies neckwear in abundance at low prices.
Remember Dress Goods and Clothing we make a specialty, in prices and assortment we have no match in this city.

R. HELLRIEGEL,
DEALER IN
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
Agent for the Celebrated
CHAMPION
TWINE BINDER,
REAPER AND MOWER.
New Home and other Sewing Machines.
ORGANS & PIANOS.
CHASKA, MINN.

Billiard Hall
CHASKA, MINN.

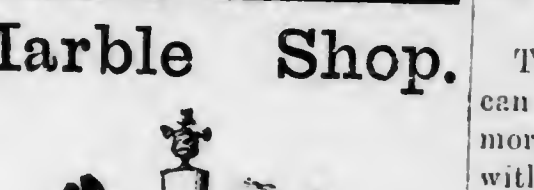
J. Bierstetzel, Prop.

The best kinds of Wines and Liquors at the bar.
—Fresh Beer always on Tap—
—FREE LUNCH EVERY MORNING—
Situating opposite Iltis Hotel.


BURKHART BROS.
Furniture, Carpets, Window Shades, Oil Cloth, Mattresses, Pillows and Feather.
Coffins & Caskets.
Parties desiring the use of this Hearse will find it to their benefit to get their Coffins or Caskets at **BURKHART BROS.**

Marble Shop.

shop, in St. Hilbert, Chaska, and is ready to furnish monuments, head stones and marble work of all kind, and will guarantee all his work as to quality and workmanship, at prices that will defy all competition.
—WORK SOLICITED—
PETER FEYERHAGEN, Prop.


Hides, Pelts &c.
Highest cash price paid for Hides, pelts & furs. I will also pay the highest market price for Coon Skins.
C. A. GEHL,
Chaska.

The Valley Herald.
CHASKA, MINNESOTA.
F. E. DUTOIT,
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.
OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.
Advertising Rates
Made known on application to publishers.
TERMS: One copy per year, \$1.50
COUNTY OFFICERS:
Treasurer—Peter Weege.
Auditor—L. Streukens.
Register of Deeds—F. Greiner.
Sheriff—P. E. DuToit.
Clerk of Court—G. Kragebuhl.
Attorney—W. C. Odell.
Surveyor—H. Muchling.
Judge of Probate—Julius Schaler.
Comptroller—W. P. Cash.
County Commissioner—Geo. Mix.
County Commissioners—S. H. Miller, Chairman, Geo. Kugler, E. S. Harrison, Chas. Arino and Jacob Truett.

For late foreign news, look over inside columns.
For full domestic and select miscellany see inside columns.

Bisner Gordon, merchant, Red Wood Falls, has been appointed Register of the Land office at that place. He is an old and staunch democrat.

The Shakopee Argus has indulged in a new Campbell Power Press, costing \$1,000. Brother Hinks is evidently meeting with a veritable "boom" in the newspaper business, and we rejoice thereat.

CONGRESS convenes on the first Monday in December in adjourned session. This will be the last session for Maj. Strait, and he retires with the respect and best wishes of his entire constituents without regard to party.

Our State Legislature convenes on Tuesday, the 4th day of January. Mr. Teubert, of our delegation to the lower house, is the only one with Legislative experience, and we believe he will add to the laurels he won last winter, in championing the interest of the farmers.

N. W. Ice Company.
The above named company, composed of several of our old and well known citizens, with several years experience in cutting and packing ice, will put up ice this winter for all of our citizens who may entrust them with their orders. They will solicit orders from our citizens this week, guaranteeing good work, extra packing and cheap rates.

The company is officered as follows, viz:
President—PETER WINKLER.
Treasurer—JOHN MEYER.
Manager—CHAS. RAASCH.

Waconia News.
Wheat is coming in freely. Skating on the lake has been splendid.
Business with our merchants is good.
Several new buildings will be erected in Waconia next season.
Wood is being shipped to Dakota from this station in large quantities.

Mrs. Theodore Bost, of Excelsior, spent Sunday with Waconia friends.
A large number of Railroad men, mostly officials are in town daily.
Kohler is doing a fine business in the confectionery line. Fresh Oysters always kept on hand. Give him a call.

Geo. A. DuToit, came out on Sunday and remained over until Monday morning, making arrangements to continue the "Farmers Bank" as usual, with Geo. Mock, as the new Cashier, who takes the place filled so long and acceptably by Mr. Mix.

Geo. N. Houghton, who has been in charge of the Farmers Bank, most of the time since the death of Geo. Mix, will soon leave to assume his old position with the Carver Co. Bank, Chaska. Geo. is a popular young man who understands his business, and has lots of friends in Waconia.

Our business men were much pleased to learn on Saturday last that Geo. DuToit, had concluded to continue the Banking business here as usual, J. George Mock, one of our old settlers associating himself with Mr. DuToit, and assuming the Cashiership of the "Farmers Bank". The business of this Bank has grown quite large in the last few years, and is of great benefit to Waconia and vicinity.

Augusta.
Wheat is coming in quite freely. Mr. Herman Poppitz, the buyer, reports that he is kept pretty busy.
Quite a number of farmers complain of a scarcity of water in their wells, which occasions inconvenience, as many of them have a good deal of stock, and it is no small work to draw the water for them from the neighbors.

Ernest Poppitz Jr., son of E. Poppitz Esq., was married last Thursday 25th to Miss Mary Hedike of Dahlgren. The wedding was quiet, none but relatives and immediate friends being present; but all report having had a good time. Our best wishes for a long and prosperous voyage through life.

During the last snow blockade, the school in District No 6 was pretty slimly attended: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday not a scholar making an appearance.

Died.
At her residence in Chaska, Tuesday night, Nov. 23d 1886, Emma, wife of Julius Kroll, of consumption, aged 40 years.
Mrs. K., has been a patient sufferer with this dread disease for many years, the last two of which has been spent in bed most of the time, and death is a welcome release from bodily pain in this instance. She was a loving and dutiful wife and mother, and her bereaved Husband and children, relatives and friends, have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their irreparable affliction.
The funeral on Thursday called together a large concourse of friends who thus manifested their appreciation of their departed friend.

Died.
We regret to learn from the Waconia correspondent of the Delano Eagle, that the family of our friend Henry Tesch, of Watertown has been badly afflicted of late. That dread disease diphtheria, carried away a bright young girl nine years of age, and that the rest of his children were all down with the same disease, but Dr. H. H. Diessner, of Waconia brought them all out safely. We hope he is out of his troubles now.

The Lucky Winners.
The following named persons and Nos., won the prizes at the Catholic Fair, held on Thanksgiving Evening, viz:
Sophia Field, Street Engraving, No. 663
Miss, and Mrs. J. J. Engraving, " 308
Henry Jasper, Atlanta, " 1392
Stanislaus Kaniski, Engraving, " 32
Gertrude Simon, Engraving, " 32

GRAND
New Year Gift Enterprise.
1000 Worth of Goods Given Away
AT JOHN BIERSTETZELS
VARIETY STORE,
Drawing on January 1st 1886.

Every purchaser of two dollars (\$2.00) worth of goods, at my store between now and the 1st of January 1886, will be entitled to prizes ranging in price, from 25 cts to \$8.00.
I have put in the largest stock of Christmas Goods that was ever brought to Chaska, and as I have bought for cash at a discount, I intend to give my customers the benefit of it. You can get anything in the line of fine Push Goods, Vases, cups and saucers; Toilet sets, Smoking sets, Jewelry, Musical Instruments, Stationery, Dolls, Toys, Sleighs, and Childrens furniture sets, Confectionaries, Christmas and New Year Cards, and a great many other things too numerous to mention.

Remember for every two dollars worth of goods you will be entitled to a ticket and every ticket draws a prize.
Call in and let me show you my stock.
JOHN BIERSTETZEL,
Chaska.

For Sale.
One pair 24 inch French beehive mill stones set in iron frame, with shattering, pulleys and elevators complete to attach to stationary or threshing engine will grind from 15 to 20 bushels of feed per hour and do good work—will be sold cheap.
JAMES SLOCUM, Jr.,
Norwood Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Carver.
In the matter of the Estate of Thomas and Rachel Cunningham Deceased.
The reading and filing the Petition of Chas. G. Halgren, Administrator setting forth the amount of personal estate that has come into his hands, and the disposition thereof, the deceased, and a description of all the real estate of which said deceased died seized, and the condition and value of the respective portions thereof, and praying that license be granted to sell the real estate, and the proceeds thereof, and the proceeds of the sale of the real estate, to pay the debts of said deceased, and that it is necessary in order to pay the same, to sell all said real estate.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order shall be published for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, the last of which publications shall be at least fourteen days before said day of hearing, in the Valley Herald, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Chaska in said County, and no person residing in said County, at least four months prior to said day of hearing, and up to the day of said hearing, shall be permitted to sell said real estate, or the proceeds thereof, or to present their claims.
By order of the Court,
JULIUS SCHALER,
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Carver.
In the matter of the Estate of Thomas and Rachel Cunningham Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Thomas and Rachel Cunningham, late of said County, to present the same to the undersigned, at least four months prior to said day of hearing, and up to the day of said hearing, and no person residing in said County, at least four months prior to said day of hearing, and up to the day of said hearing, shall be permitted to sell said real estate, or the proceeds thereof, or to present their claims.
By order of the Court,
JULIUS SCHALER, Judge of Probate, of the Estate of Thomas and Rachel Cunningham Deceased.

NOTICE
It is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute that on the 23d day of October, A. D. 1886, Joseph Lohr and John Geiser, as co-partners comprising the firm of Lohr and Geiser, doing business at Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota, have assigned to Wm. D. Rosbach, of Chaska, Minnesota, all their claims and demands against all persons, and all persons owing to them respectively, and all persons having in their possession any property of said debtors, to deliver the same to the undersigned by said day, and all creditors and persons claiming to be creditors of the said debtors, to present their claims and demands, and receive the same to the undersigned by said day.

STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Carver.
In the matter of the Estate of George Mix, Deceased.
On reading and filing the Petition of Elizabeth Mix, widow of George Mix, late of said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the undersigned, at his office in Chaska in the County of Carver, and State of Minnesota, within thirty days after the day of said Complaint, within the time allowed by law for the service of such answer, and if you fail to answer the said Complaint within the time allowed by law, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.
Dated August 1st, 1886.
Plaintiff's Attorney Chaska, Minn
Catherine Anderson, vs. SUMMONS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Carver.
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On reading and filing the Petition of Elizabeth Mix, widow of George Mix, late of said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the undersigned, at his office in Chaska in the County of Carver, and State of Minnesota, within thirty days after the day of said Complaint, within the time allowed by law for the service of such answer, and if you fail to answer the said Complaint within the time allowed by law, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.
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Dissolution of Co-Partnership.
The dissolution of Co-partnership heretofore existing by and between the undersigned is this day mutually dissolved by the retirement of Anton Westrel. All debts due by the firm will be settled by Frank Westrel who continues the business, and all accounts should be paid to Frank Westrel at the old stand.
Dated Waconia, Saturday, Nov. 6, 1886.
ANTON WESTREL.
FRANK WESTREL.

C. A. Gehl,
—PROPRIETOR OF—
CITY MEAT MARKET,
CHASKA, MINN.
Keeps constantly on hand a choice assortment of meat, among which will be the following:
Fresh meats, Fresh Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage, Cured meats, Hams, Corned Beef, Smoked Sausages, Dried Beef, Lard &c.
Also fresh fish, Poultry &c. Oysters direct from Baltimore, kept constantly on hand during their season. Goods delivered free to all parts of City.

Albert Kohler,
Dealer in
Canned Fruits and Oysters,
CIGARS,
TOBACCOS,
FANCY GROCERIES,
—AND—
Confectionaries,
ICE CREAM,
AT MY
RESTAURANT PARLORS.
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.
WACONIA, MINN.

NEW
HARDWARE
STORE.
M. H. MUYRES
DEALER IN
Hardware,
Stoves, Farmers
and Carpenters' Tools.
Also Agent for Reliable
Insurance Companies,
CHASKA, MINN.

SHERMAN HOUSE,
WACONIA, MINN.
Adam Habergarten Prop.
COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION
Excursions, Tourists, Pleasure Seekers, Fishing Parties and Traveling Men will find it to their convenience to stop at this new and splendidly furnished hotel, where they can be furnished with anything used.

Bar & Billiard Room.
In connection with the business, where the best of Wines, Liquors, Beer and Cigars can be had.

Lake House
A. F. SCHUETZ.
Waconia Minn
The best accommodations for Travelers, Fish Parties and Pleasure Seekers. The hotel is pleasantly situated on the beautiful Clearwater Lake. Stable and water on the premises.

NATIONAL HOTEL
and
BILLIARD HALL
CHASKA - MINN.
Peter Iltis, Proprietor.
This well known Hotel has recently been entirely refurnished throughout with new furniture and beds and is now No. 1 in every respect.
THE BAR
Is stocked with the finest imported Liquors, wines and cigars and the coolest and best beer in town constantly kept on draught.
Give me a call and become satisfied.

NEW
Livery, Feed & Sale
STABLE.

Stable next door to Engine House,
CHASKA - MINN.
New Sleighs!
New Carriages!!
Outfits can be had at any hour of the day or night by calling at the Barn Office.
TERMS REASONABLE.
P. H. FINNEGAN, Prop.


LUCIEN DIACON Sr.
—O—
Watchmaker & Jeweler.
CHASKA, MINN.
Dealer in fine Watches, Jewelry, Clocks &c.
Repairing neatly done and work guaranteed.
Shop on 2nd St. This is old Stor.

ACKERMANNBROS
Roller Mill,
Young America, Minn.
Best grades of granulated roller flour as well as Straight Family XXXX Flour shorts, bran and feed always on hand, and for sale or exchanged for wheat. We also grind
Corn, Rye and Buckwheat
On Friday and Saturday of every week.

NEW
Wagon, Carriage,
AND
REPAIR SHOP.
—BY—
BIERLEIN BROS.
All kind of Repairing neatly done. We also will keep on hand new Wagons, Carriages and Sleighs, of our own make. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a call.
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BIERLEIN BROS.

Holmes, Habeisen & Wommer.
CARVER
Carry the largest Stock of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes in the County.
IN CLOTHING
They make a specialty. Their Stock consists of about \$8,000 worth in Mens, Boys and Children Clothing all new and fresh.
No Shelf Worn
GOODS.
They are also Agents for the celebrated **MO CORMICK STEEL BINDERS & MOWERS**, which they sell way down. A full and complete stock of Repairs for their machines always on hand. Give them Call.

E. BESEMANN.
Billiard Hall!

THE MONARCH
CHASKA, MINN.
I have just fitted up one of the neatest SALOONS AND BILLIARD HALLS in Chaska, and will keep constantly on hand the best of Liquors, Wines and Cigars
Also Fresh Beer on tap every morning
FREE LUNCH EVERY MORNING
GIVE ME A CALL.

LOOK HERE!
—AND GO TO—
G. H. SCHROERS,
SHOE STORE

As I have just received the best stock of Boots, Shoes & Rubbers ever brought to Chaska. I will warrant every pair not to rip or run over and will be sold at prices lower than the lowest.
Also sewing machine needles and oil for all machines. Highest price paid for hides, pelts and fur.
Call and compare yourself of the quality of goods and low prices.
Respectfully Yours,
G. H. SCHROERS.

In the city of New York there are 57 Masonic lodges of which one-fifth are German, and chiefly German. There are also 143 lodges of the Odd-fellows, in which the Germans are decidedly in the majority, and the above record is limited to working lodges and does not include knights templar and knights of Malta. The knights of Pythias have forty-four lodges. There are twenty lodges of the ancient order of Foresters. There are also a dozen lodges of the Good Fellows. In addition to the above are the Red Cross, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Elks, the Friends of Humanity, the Sons of Malta, the Wise Men, the Shepherds and the United Friends. There are also the minor clubs, in which are different trades and professions at large. In this manner the huge population is knit together for mutual assistance.

Another Big Boston Defaulter.

General Manager Reed, treasurer of a South Boston News Railroad company, has been indicted for embezzling \$100 in cash and \$170,000 in a overissue of stock of the company. It is charged that he had been embezzling on for the past five or six years. Reed has been treasurer of the company ten years, and has been in charge of all the funds. He was arrested at his home in South Boston. He refused to say anything about the charges against him. Reed, in addition to his treasurership of the railroad company, has been for some time a stockholder in the Boston News railroad on Sept. 30 was stated at \$104,000. The total amount embezzled was \$170,000. Reed was charged with the use of stock. Reed has confessed and has agreed to return the property to the directors of the company.

Reed lost all his money in stock speculation. He was a quick and successful speculator, moderate in his expenditures, with no bad habits as far as known. Doctors and friends are believed to have hesitated in his downward career. Reed did not own a share of stock in the road, but in a number of other companies, such as Utah as well as in mining, railroad and

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Senator Edwards, of Fillmore county, was promptly acquitted of the charge of libel.

The production of the Minnesota sales for the season just closed was 252,435 bushels, or less than 500,000 bushels, less than that of 1885. The decrease was due to the fact that the season was the shortest on record, being from a month to six weeks less than the average.

At St. Paul, one night recently, the residences of Rev. E. J. Cooke, and Dr. J. A. Lindke and W. H. Lightner were visited by sneak thieves. The aggregate of the losses was \$10,000.

The president has nominated Bishop Gordon to be receiver of the land office at Redwood Falls. Mr. Gordon is a resident of Redwood Falls and a hardware merchant.

Bishop Ireland has arrived at Rome.

The employees of the Winona & St. Paul railroad, who were on strike, have been so horribly unkind on the track above the new snail of Youngman Brown, Hodgson & Co., that the latter have been obliged to hire Schmiedewski, a Pole of thirty-five years of age, to take the place of the American. He was used for a few days, and then he was sent home.

seduced by the curious and inquisitive, the English skin and shows the symptoms of ill-health, and when at last she succumbed to the disease at which she suffered no pain nor inconvenience makes it hard to understand her case. — *St. Paul (Minn.) Special*

Throwing Passengers Overboard

The barbarous custom of throwing passengers overboard as soon as the death has left their bodies when they are at sea on a transatlantic steamer is certainly not in its course. Since our countrymen ran an ocean passenger liner, it is a legal right to deliver their own port of their destination in advance their way of passage, whether by sea or not, we have received assurance from the legal authorities that passengers as caskets can be obtained in which a body can be kept in a fair state of preservation two weeks without the necessity of a coffin. If the passengers on steamers should be treated as caskets, the relatives or friends who die at sea would gladly pay the extra expense entailed in procuring a coffin.

groaners and some with gigglers. We have a few who are the greater mimes. An eminent writer has said that "giggling" is a word of the 19th century. Later: "Giggling" is described in the dictionary as the act of "laughing idly, tittering, grinning." It is silly and childish enough anywhere, but in church it is a crime. It is a crime in any place where giggling is more common. It is natural in school girls, but when the girls are in church, giggling is unpardonable. It is frequently a characteristic of young men with incipient mustaches, who think they qualify themselves for the respectability of manhood by the attempt for which their elders revere. They giggle at anything. If they catch the eye of a young woman, they giggle. If a woman rises too soon for a hymn, they giggle; if a baby cries, they giggle; if a man yawns, they giggle; if a woman coughs, they giggle; if the plate is laid to some one who puts nothing in it, they giggle; if some one says a word that is not a proper response, loud, they giggle; if the choir makes a mistake, they giggle. In

has existed without clings for centuries. The landlord and tenant are partners and all their interests are in common. The principle, which is that the partnership is perpetual, is the basis of the system. The death of one of the parties does not hinder success to his place, and in some cases the family continues to own the land for more than a century. Such regard is felt for the sacredness of the land that the tenant is not allowed to leave the land system that tenants in revolt against the government and conspire to overthrow the landlords, protect their rent as promptly as possible for peace. Such was the case during the Russo-Turkish war and during several revolutions in the Balkans and Persia. The system briefly stated is as follows: The land is never leased on fixed cash rent. The tenant is not a tenant but a partner. The system is never mentioned. The landlord receives annually a certain share of the produce of the land. The tenant is not an owner or has no share in the land, but he desires, but if he has faith in him, and desires money instead of grain, fruit, or other products of the land.

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MISSING ISSUE

Date: Dec 9, 1886

WHOLE No. 1255

In the Grocery line we have competitors, our prices on Groceries are always below competition.

Ladies neckwear in abundance at low prices.

Remember Dress Goods and Clothing we make a specialty, low prices and assortment we have no match in this city.

C. A. GENT,
Chaska.

call at the old stand of
LUCIEN DIACON.

scholars on the roll.
 out for "wedding bells" soon!
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"Squibs."
 ald.

Subscribe for the Valley Her

JOHN BEIERSTETTEL,
Chaska

WM D. ROSBACH, -
signee of Jacob Lahr and John Geiser.
Chaska, Minn. Nov. 4th 1886.

Kind of Repairing neatly done. We
will keep on hand new Wagons, Car-
s and Sleighs, of our own make.
Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a
RIEHLIN BROS

all and convince yourself of the qual
of goods and low prices.

Respectfully Yours,
G. H. SCHROERS.

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Valley Herald.

F. E. DU TOIT, PUBLISHER.

CHASKA.

The Canadian geologists affirm that the whole Saskatchewan valley is underlain with excellent coal. If this statement is true the Saskatchewan valley may possibly realize the promised boom of a quarter of a century ago.

Fred Douglass says that the prejudice against color is getting as strong in Europe as it is in the United States, and that it is caused by the absurd and sometimes offensive antics of negro minstrel troupes in the European cities.

The eleven greatest dairy states—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Kansas—had, as shown by the latest census, 7,524,043 cows used in dairying. These States are solid against bogus butter.

In railroad building the United States far outstrips all other nations. Up to the close of 1904 there were throughout the whole world about 200,000 miles of railway, of which nearly one-half was in the United States. More perhaps than anything else this accounts for the unprecedented growth and progress which this country has made in the last fifty years.

Accidentally kept record at Charleston shows that there have been altogether thirty-six shocks of earthquakes—thirty-four in September and the last two days of August, twenty-eight in October, and fourteen in November. The greater number of them were slight—many of them imperceptible to persons moving actively about. The record shows that the vibrations are diminishing in number and intensity, and result, it is suggested, of the gradual return of the disturbed crust of the earth to its normal condition.

Florida fruit growers have their cause of complaint in the alleged policy of the transportation companies and dealers to limit the supply and restrict the demand by the ship to the interior to New York must pay \$1 dollar a box freight on oranges, while the Sicilian oranges with which they compete are brought from the Mediterranean at 25 cents a box. This is a hardship, but it is a mere symptom of a disease from which the American civilization is suffering.

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Snow Is rapidly Disappearing.

So is sleighing. Bad weather for poultry.

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100 cents worth of goods for one dollar, and no discount at Diacon's Jewelry Store.

Remember the regular monthly cattle fair, this month will take place on Friday, Dec. 24.

Don't fail to get some of those second hand goods at

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The HERALD and Farm, Stock and Home, for only \$1.50 payable in advance.

Coroner Radde of Waconia, and Mr. Bureau, of Otter Tail County made us a pleasant call on Thursday.

Great Scot? how cheap they are selling hanging lamps at the New Drug store.

We are pleased to learn that our old friend Florian Lienefelder, is slowly improving and is now out of immediate danger.

A large stock of wardrobes and glass cupboards, milk safes &c., at BURKHART BRO'S.

Our young friend Frank Vossen, of Dahlgren was in town shaking hands with his friends one day last week.

Buy one of those wax Dolls at Frank's Drug store. You can wash them, nor will they crack in cold weather.

Picture frames, any size, made to order on short notice at BURKHART BRO'S.

Hunting Rabbits by "moon light," has become a great pastime with our sportsmen. We tried it, but with poor success.

Book cases, Bed room sets, and center tables, all the latest styles at BURKHART BRO'S.

John Borka, of Dahlgren, was receiving the compliments of his friends last Wednesday over the arrival of a 13lb son in his family last Friday. Success.

Push and Bronze goods, including brush and comb cases, smoking sets, vases &c., all at Frank's Drug Store.

Andr. Anderson, of the Court House Saloon, was confined to his bed the most of last week. He is improving now and will soon be out.

Call early and see the beautiful Holiday presents at Joe Frank's Drug Store.

Dr. H. R. Diersner of Waconia, made our village a business call on Monday. He did not forget to step in and see how the HERALD was prospering.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me will please call and pay their account before Jan. 1st, 1887

CHAS. T. YOUNG.

Anton Simon, is putting shelling into the old Anderson saloon building, for a firm owning a large bankrupt stock of clothing. They will occupy the building next month.

I have one of the largest, finest, newest and newest stock of Jewelry and Holiday Novelties west of the twin cities. Call and see my beautiful display, at the old stand.

4w. LUCIEN DIACON.

It commenced thawing on Tuesday, and on Saturday it rained, the snow almost disappearing in town, and leaving the roads icy and bare in spots.

Toys for Christmas—Trees of every description at the new confectionery; also cigars, tobaccos and fancy groceries. Call in and examine our assortment, at the old Bakery Stand.

PHILIP GERTLER.

Farmers bring your old cast iron to the Chaska Foundry, and get the highest market price for it. Mr. Ess says he must have it in order to keep his Foundry going.

Last week Wednesday was a Holiday with our Catholic friends, and services at the church were attended by large audiences, both in the forenoon and afternoon.

Hon. G. Tenbrun, was in town calling on his friends last week. We acknowledge a pleasant chat, and are pleased to learn that he is fortified for a hard winters work in the Legislature.

The pressure upon our columns for Holiday advertising will soon be over, and we hope our readers have been able to make some good bargains with those who so liberally advertised their wares.

"Look before you Leap"—Save your money by getting your prescriptions filled at the New Drug Store, and buying your Christmas goods at the same place.

Joe. Elles, the genial wholesale liquor dealer, of St. Paul, was in town on Monday calling on his many friends. We acknowledge a call.

M. H. Mures, Esq., made a business and pleasure trip to Starus County, returning last Friday. During his absence he bought two farms on very favorable terms, and made a good spec.

We are informed that Willie Elke, the up town Barber, was married to Miss Lavine, daughter of Widow Lavine of this town, last week. The many friends of both parties wish them a long, happy and successful married life.

The Gaylord Hotel, of a recent says that

"A. G. Lano had one of his fingers almost severed by a falling stove pipe last Tuesday evening. He now swears that putting up stove pipes is the most disagreeable task a man can undertake."

Mr. John Bore, has opened a first class saloon in his new building situated nearly opposite the Union Brewery, on the Shakopee road. The upper part of the building is finished off into a Hall, and his place will become popular summer resort.

We have just received a lot of Plush and Carpet Lounges, Bay chairs, Platform Rocker and Parlor sets. Be sure and examine them and make your wife handsome present. Remember they are sold at Minneapolis prices and don't you forget it.

2w. BURKHART BRO'S.

You can buy a \$2.50 Gold Pin for \$1.25, a \$5.00 chain for \$2.50, a \$1.00 pair of cuff buttons for 50 cents and all other Jewelry at the same rate. Just at the retail price.

We are closing out our stock of coats, Call early before the stock is exhausted at the New Drug Store. All goods warranted.

We hear people asking every day where they can buy holiday goods the cheapest—the answer is, at the New Drug Store. They don't make up lotteries to beguile the unwise but they will save you 40 per cent, as their goods are marked way down to—China.

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The Howard Lake Herald, of last week, contains the following article relative to a former resident of this County, viz:

"We regret to learn that the dwelling house of Mr. Axel Jorgensen at Keystone was recently burned down, destroying all his records, notes and accounts, both private and postoffice records, wearing apparel, etc., a total loss of \$2000, with no insurance."

We suggest that our young friend Paddy Henk take the initiative towards organizing a toboggan club. Chaska is surrounded by hills that would furnish the slides, and all that is necessary to insure success is that somebody take the lead, therefore it has been suggested, that Paddy's attention be called to the subject, and we do so, feeling confident that we have struck the "nail right on the head."

New Furniture Ad.

We call the attention of our readers to the "ad" of Martin Van Sloun, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD. Martin has purchased a full stock of furniture, and he says he will not be undersold by any other dealer in the County, and to prove that what he says is true, he desires you to call and see. Ready made and trimmed coffins always on hand. See ad.

Assignee Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Assignee of Lahr & Geisler, will receive seal of bids for the Lahr & Geisler, Beer and Bottling factory, with all machinery and fixtures and stock. Bids will be received until December 15th, 1886. The Assignee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further particulars and for terms of sale apply to the undersigned.

WM. D. ROSEBACH, Assignee of Lahr & Geisler, Chaska, Minn.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Our Druggist, Jos. Franken has just received the largest and best selected stock of Plush Toilet cases, sewing boxes, Jewel cases, albums from 25c to \$12. also a large assortment of gold pens which are all warranted, to be exchanged if not satisfactory. Hanging Lamps of all prices from \$2.50, to \$15.00, Toilet Bottles, vases, a large assortment of cups and saucers from 15c to \$1.50, a large display of Toys, express wagoes, games of all kinds, pocket books, hand satchels, accoutrements, sewing stands, also a large assortment of fancy Toilet soaps, hair oil, and perfumery. I do not believe in making up lotteries but will save the purchaser from 10 to 15 per cent in buying from me. Come and see the largest ass't in the Minnesota Valley.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

As this year is almost past and my stock is larger than I wish to carry over I will give a discount for cash as follows:

20 per cent reduction on mens, youths and boys suits and over coats, 50 per cent reduction on underwear, 25 per cent reduction on Hats, Caps and mittens, 50 per cent reduction on boots and shoes, 25 per cent reduction on Hanne's dress goods of which I have a large assortment.

Also great reductions in shawls, cloaks, Hoods, nobias etc. Call in before Jan 1st 1887, and get bargains in every line before we take inventory and we will guarantee you will go home satisfied.

Yours, Chas. T. Young.

\$400 Second Hand Furniture.

Barkhart Bro's.

Have bought out the Hotel Furniture of C. A. Ransdill, late of the Commercial Hotel. The furniture is as good as new and will be sold at figures that will astonish everybody. The following articles will be sold for less than one half the price of new. Bedsteads, tables, bar, chairs, cupboards, chairs, stands, spring beds, mattresses, two heating stoves, \$15.00 for a 7 piece parlor set, A lot of pictures, 2 book cases, A lot of other things too numerous to mention. Call early as the goods will sell at sight. Don't miss this chance.

3w. BURKHART BRO'S.

Multum in Fervo.

Scarfs and nobias, at cost, at cost.

Mens, Woman's and childrens articles.

Mens and boys wool boots and overs.

Shirting flannels, every yard reduced.

Best standard prints five cents per yard.

Indian head sheetings, seven cts per yard.

Best fancy dress gingham eight cents per yard.

All brands of bleached cottons at reduced prices.

Gents and youths underwear, large stock, low prices.

Bargains in ladies all wool and union shawls and skirts.

30 Misses and childrens fancy hoods, your choice at 50 cts.

Womens heavy hawer, flannel lined, leather faced cold weather shoes.

Mens, youths and boys over coats at prices that will command your attention.

Oysters, cellery, cranberries, nuts, fancy candies and apples for the holidays.

The best all wool white yarn 75 cents per pound, big reduction in colored yarns.

100 yds and boys winter caps, many worth \$1, a piece, at uniform price of 50 cts each to close.

Mens youth's boys and childrens suits, new goods, nobly styles, custom made, reliable goods, sure to please you in style, in price, in assortment.

Thirty (30) ladies cloaks and new markets, in chin chills, in Mat-lasse, in Beaver, in Diagonals, beautiful styles, elegant fitting, tailor made, all sizes, a beautiful and useful present for wife, for daughter, or somebody's little daughters, to close very cheap before the holidays.

My annual clearance sale commences at once. I shall make sweeping reductions, now is your time to get reasonable warm goods at low prices. No Auction or bankrupt stock to force upon you—The cleanest, the freshest, the largest, and most reasonable stock of goods in the state.

25¢ All notes and accounts are now due and must be paid before January 1st, do not wait until the last days of the month, when it will be about impossible to serve you on account of the rush. Now is the accepted time, consider this a personal call and pay up, that you and I may go into the New Year with little clear.

All kinds of produce taken in exchange for goods, with the compliments of the season.

Yours to serve, JAMES SLOCUM, Jr.

Those who wish to save money, time and trouble will select their Christmas Gifts EARLY from the large stock at Heisterstet's Variety Store, Chaska. He will not be undersold. Call and see.

A Farm For Sale.

The undersigned offers his 65 acre farm situated in sect. 15, Benton, for sale. There is 35 acres under cultivation, balance in meadow, pasture timber. Is situated 1 1/2 mile from Cologne and Benton and will be sold cheap, as the owner has purchased a larger farm. For Terms inquire on premises of

Lucas Dets. Cologne, Dec. 4th 1886. 1mo.

Cologne.

Mohrbecher & Menwissen are selling out fast; they have their goods marked way down. Go and see for yourself.

Wood is being shipped from here at the rate of five (5) car loads per day.

The new Hotel building of Adam Mohrbecher is the largest structure in town.

Business has been pretty brisk for the last three weeks. Wood pork and wheat are the staple articles here.

Take Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Westrel Bros., Waconia, will please call in and settle their accounts on or before January 1st, 1887, on account of dissolution of co-partnership.

Waconia, Nov. 21st 1886. 4w. FRANK WESTREL.

Farm For Sale.

The undersigned will sell his 50 acre farm, situated in Sect. 9 Chanhassen, 25 acres under cultivation, balance timber and meadow, with good frame house and frame barn and well of water on same, on good terms, and reasonable figure, For particulars inquire of

AUGUST WINNOLZ, Prop. 1 mo.

NORWOOD AND HAMBURG Exposition.

1886, FALL & WINTER 1887.

I am again in the field with an entire New

FALL AND WINTER STOCK.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Teas, Syrups, Fruits, Crockery, Glass Ware &c.

DOMESTIC GOODS.

Brown and bleached Muslins, 100 pieces new Dress Prints, 5 cts per yard; 50 pieces Normande and Reau Dress-Ginghams, 10 cents per yard; Cotton and Wool Blankets, Batting, Bags, Carpets, Wares, etc.

DRESS GOODS.

In many new colors and shades, from 10 cents to \$1.00 per yard; Dress-trimmings in great variety, elegant stock Winter-Shawls in all weights. Corsets and Skirts in endless variety. Underwear, Embroideries, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Knit-goods, etc.

CLOAKS AND NEWMARKETS

These Garments are Tailor-made and gotten up with great care and for elegance in fit, material and workmanship and style cannot be surpassed in this market. I shall satisfy you of their superiority and cheapness. I have the largest stock of men's youth's and boys'

CLOTHING.

Ever shown in this County, fresh from the best manufacturers, in style, in make, in trimmings, in material equal to the best in custom work in every desirable style, ranging in price from \$5 for a good screeching working man's suit to \$22 for the best dress suit. I have Overcoats that will afford you complete protection with the Thermometer at 40 degrees below zero. No one can compete with me for variety, extent of stock, real value, or low prices. If you would like to make your own dollars go to the furthest, you will not fail to examine these goods before purchasing elsewhere.

Big stock of Gents Furnishings, Underwear, etc. I have a elegant stock of

BOOTS, SHOES, ARTICLES, WOOL GOODS, &c.

My stock of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Shoes for a good that of any exclusive shoe dealer in this county, all fresh new goods, and as I do not have to depend upon this line alone for profits, I can undersell competitors for the same quality of goods. I have a full stock of

Groceries, Teas, Fruits, &c. Crockery and Glassware.

Personally selected in the Eastern Markets, bought for ready cash, which with twenty five years experience buys goods cheap, to which I very cordially invite your early inspection, fully believing that I can serve you better than ever before. I shall take pleasure in looking after your interest in marketing your grain and other produce paying 5 cents extra in trade for wheat and the highest market price for all kinds of farm produce

LP Newest and freshest goods, largest stock, courteous attention.

NORWOOD & HAMBURG. JAMES SLOCUM, Jr.

GEO. A. DICTOFF, President. GEORGE MOCK, Cashier.

FARMERS BANK.

WACONIA - MINN.

MONEY To Loan On Long Or Short T. e.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COLLECTIONS

Town & School Orders Cash

\$75,000 To Loan on Carver County Farmers

AT LOW RATES AND NO DELAY.

References, and correspondents.

1st Natl. Bank, Saint Paul,

9th " " New York,

Carver Co " Chaska.

BIERLINE & SONS,

The Cheapest Establishment in

the City.

We call the attention to our readers that we will not be under sold by any merchant. What we say we mean, especially in

White Goods

Hats & Caps,

Boots & Shoes, &c.

3pr stock is new our Prices are low, and our goods are of the

atest style and the very best quality. Don't forget the store, opposite Burkhardt Bro's.

BIERLINE & SONS.

Mohrbecher & Menwissen,

COLOGNE - MINN.

General Merchandise,

consisting of

Dry Goods, Notions, Hats and

Caps, Boots and Shoes,

Crockery, Glassware,

Groceries.

PRICES DOWN TO ROCK BOTTOM

I WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD.

I Also Keep on Hand a Full Line of

CLOTHING.

Highest Price Paid for Pro-

duce, in exchange for Goods.

NEWLY REFITTED AND RE-

FURNISHED.

NEW MANAGEMENT,

CHASKA, MINN.

J. A. ROEMER, Manager

A black and white illustration of a hand pointing to the right. The hand is wearing a watch with a dark, textured strap. The index finger is extended, pointing towards the right side of the frame. The drawing uses cross-hatching for shading.

In the Grocery line we have no competitors, our prices on Groceries are always below competition.

Ladies neckwear in abundance at low prices.

Remember Dress Goods and Clothing we make a specialty, In prices and assortment we have

**Holmes,
Habeisen &
Wommer.
CARVER**
Carry the largest Stock of Dry
Goods, Boots and Shoes in the
County.
IN CLOTHING
They make a specialty. Their

Stock consists of about \$8,000 worth in Mens, Boys and Children Clothing all new and fresh.


**No Shelf Worn
GOODS.**

They are also Agents for the celebrated

**MCM CORMICK STEEL
BINDERS & MOWERS,**
which they sell way down. A
full and complete stock of Re-
pairs for their machines always
on hand. Give them Call.

F. RESEMAN

Billiard Hall!



THE MONARCH
CHASKA, MINN.

I have just fitted up
one of the neatest
BILLIARD HALLS
in Chaska, and will keep con-
stantly on hand the best of
Cigars, Wines and Cigars

Also Fresh Beer on tap every morning.
FREE LUNCH EVERY MORNING.

GIVE ME A CALL.

LOOK HERE!
AND GO TO
H. SCHROEDERS,
SHOE STORE



As I have just received the best class

Boots, Shoes & Rubbers over brought.
Chaska. I will warrant every pair
not to rip or run over and will be sold at
prices lower than the lowest.
Also sewing machine needles and o
r all machines. Highest price paid fo
r deer, pelts and fur.
Call and convince yourself of the qual
ity of goods and low prices.

Respectfully Yours,
G. H. SCHROERS.

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CHASKA Foundry & Machine SHOP

ENGINE TRIMMINGS, & Castings of all kinds.

Special attention given to all kinds of Repair work.

Highest cash price paid for old

IRON & BRASS.

I will also continue my Wagon, Carriage and Blacksmith Business.

GIVE ME A TRIAL—JOSEPH. ESS, Propr.

CHAS. A. GEHL,

—PROPRIETOR OF—

CITY MEAT MARKET,

CHASKA, MINN.

Keeps constantly on hand a choice assortment of meat, among which will be the following:

Fresh meats, Fresh Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Sausage, Cured meats, Ham, Corned Beef, Smoked Sausage, Dried Beef, Lard &c.

Also fresh fish, Poultry &c. Oysters direct from Baltimore, kept constantly on hand during their season. Goods delivered free to all parts of City.

CARPENTER

BUILDER & MOVER.

BERNARD RAVEN,

Waconia, Minn.

The undersigned will contract for building new buildings or moving buildings, repairing buildings and in fact all kinds of carpenter work, charges reasonable.

E. T. SMITH,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

CHASKA, MINN.

Speaks English and German. Office opposite Peter 11th

Ferd. Mock,

WACONIA, MINN.

Has a large assortment of

BOOTS,

SHOES,

MITTS

AND

GLOVES.

CONSTANTLY on Hand

AT LOW PRICES.

CALL and Satisfy Your-

SELF,

DR. ELISHMALI,

Physician & Surgeon,

Office over Hicks Tin Shop, CHASKA MINN.

THE

NORTH STAR

SALOON,

ALOIS ZEUST, Prop.

Opposite Scharmers Blacksmith Shop, Main St. MINN.

Fresh Minneapolis Beer always on tap, and the Bar always stocked with the best of Liquors, Cigars, Pop, Cider &c.

Drop in and see me, I will try and please you every time.

NEW

FURNITURE STORE

CHASKA, MINN.

All kinds of Furniture from the cheapest to the best, always kept on hand and for sale Cheap for Cash.

COFFINS! COFFINS!

UNDER TAKING A SPECIALTY.

Full line of Coffins and Undertakers materials always on hand and promptly done.

ANTON HILGERS.

ACKERMANNBROS

Roller Mill,

Young America, Minn.

Best grades of granulated roller flour as well as Straight Family XXXX Flour shorts, bran and feed always on hand, and for sale or exchanged for wheat. We also grind

Corn, Rye and Buckwheat

On Friday and Saturday of every week.

R. R. Time Table

Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R.

SOUTH.

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A public oral examination in all the departments of our public school will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec 22d and 23d. All friends of education, and especially patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present.

Hon. A. F. Anderson of Carver, Senator elect, has sold out his interest in the mercantile business to his partner Andrew L. Skoog. Mr. Anderson has also purchased the Brick yard of Larson and will go into the Brick business next season. We wish both parties success.

Ed. Radolph, has taken the contract to build a very neat and commodious frame dwelling house for Chas. Molnauer of this village on lots opposite or near the residence of Mathias Schmidt. The building will be 1 1/2 story 18x28, with ell 14x14. The foundation is already built and the sills laid. The building will be finished in the spring.

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Our Holiday Supplement.

We present our readers this week our second Holiday supplement, and call their attention to the attractive array of choice and appropriate reading matter and Holiday illustrations contained therein. It is our Christmas present to our readers, and we shall feel amply repaid for the outlay, if it meets with their approval. The illustrations will be a great source of pleasure to the children.

100 cents worth of goods for one dollar, and no discount at

Diacon's Jewelry Store.

Boy Wanted.

A good boy is wanted by the undersigned to learn the Barbers trade. Call on me for particulars.

Chaska, Dec. 21st, 1886.

L. W. WERNER.

A Handsome Compliment.

Mr. William Sarver of Chanhassen, received a cash premium from Messrs. Northrop, Braslan & Co., Seed Growers and Merchants of Minneapolis, for the heaviest Mammoth Chili Squash, raised in this part of the State last year. It weighed 179 lbs.

This is a high compliment to Mr. Sarver, as a farmer, and our Country for prolific soil.

Xmas Confectioneries.

Brinkhaus has just received a fresh assortment of Christmas candies and nuts. The assortment is large and elegant and just the thing for Christmas trees and presents. His stock of family groceries is also large, his canned goods department containing everything in that line.

Give him a trial, and become satisfied that he has just what you want.

Meeting of Carver County Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Carver Co Agricultural Society will be held at the City Hall, at Chaska on Tuesday the 4th day of January. This will be an important session, as the Board will have the Bonds of the new officers elect to approve, and the letting of the County printing, the purchasing of wood, besides passing upon a number of road petition.

Dated Chaska, Dec. 20, 1886.

FRANK WARNER, PETER ILTIS, Secy. Pres.

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GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

As this year is almost past and my stock is larger than I wish to carry over I will give a discount for cash as follows:

20 per cent reduction on mens, youths, and boys suits and over coats, 50 per cent reduction on underwear, 25 per cent reduction on Hats, Caps and mittens, 50 per cent reduction on boots and shoes. 25 per cent reduction on flannel dress goods of which I have a large assortment.

Also great reductions in shawls, cloaks, Hoods, umbrellas etc. Call before Jan 1st 1887, and get bargains in every line before we take Inventory and we will guarantee you will go home satisfied.

Yours, Chas. T. Young.

"School Notes."

ED VALLEY HERALD.

Under the above caption in your issue of December 9th appeared an article which for its lack of historical accuracy calls for correction.

We therefore respectfully submit the following exceptions to Prof. T. B. Hartly's answers:

a. Edward 2d of England was the first Prince of Wales. His father Edward I suppressed a Welsh rebellion in 1283, and when Edward was born in 1284, made him Prince of Wales—a title which ever since has been conferred upon the eldest son of the English sovereign.

b. Edward 3d was the second Prince of Wales and not the first as was stated.

c. Edward the Black Prince was the third Prince of Wales.

Christmas Bells AND New Years Gail.

1886.

HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT.

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THE BOYHOOD OF CHRIST.

General Lew Wallace (author of "Ben-Hur"), in Harper's Magazine for December. "Now is it not amazing that the youth of one who intended so well and actually did so much, who left us the most pathetic of histories, who will remain forever the perfect standard of comparative holiness, applicable alike to every phase and circumstance

to be remembered that amongst the gifts of the Magi there was gold. And I please myself thinking that there was enough of it to support the holy family while it was in Egypt, and afterward in Nazareth. In my view, then, the child was not born to poverty. If any one doubts the conclusion, let him ponder the awful declaration in the Talmud: 'These four are accounted as dead, the blind, the leper, the poor, and the childless.' As to

figure with faces of attending spirits. At the feet of the Sistine Madonna, beyond peradventure the most divinely perfect Mother and Child in group, there are two little cherubs inimitably suggestive of mischievous urchins; but examine them closely next time, and see what knowledge is conveyed in the expression of their countenances. Raphael painted them con amore, meaning that he believed in them—and so do I. I do not think such ministers go with us common mortals. Goodness help them if they do! That they went with the divine Child, however, I am quick to believe. They watched Him with jealous care; they floated on the clouds above Him; they trod the air in His chamber; they gave color, direction, purity and strength to His thought. His mother may have taught Him the alphabet, but neither she nor the teachers in the synagogue could have helped Him to that other rarer and higher learning in the light of which the hearts of those about Him were as primers for easy reading. Through what human agency was it that before He was a man He was master of a lore which Hillel had not been able to obtain with all his one hundred and twenty years of studious life? * * *

"Suppose by any chance He came while a child to know the mysteries of His birth. The effects would have been manifold, but of one of them I am certain—all desire for pastime by childish means would have them ended."

"Then you believe he knew it all?" asked Puss impulsively—"knew it all when He was a child?"

"Well," he answered, "let us see. He was from the beginning in care of at least two persons who could not have put their knowledge of Him away had they wished to do so. The world has done injustice to Joseph. The fathers of the church did better when they canonized him. He held a prodigious secret in his possession, and was true to it. 'Who is this?' the rabbi asked, when Christ began His miracles; and they answered themselves, 'Oh, it is the carpenter's son!' The other person was Mary, the mother. After all that has been said and written of her appearance, her devotion, her sanctity—her womanliness makes her as incomparable amongst women as her son is incomparable amongst men. I am somewhat rigid in my idea that worship is due to God alone; nevertheless, it

sign was reverence to her who is to be the pattern of mothers while the earth endures; and such worship as there was in my salutation and gift went up to God with as much acceptance, in my belief, as if it had been rendered with organ accompaniments amidst the splendors of St. Peter's."

There was a decided movement amongst the audience at these words. Uncle Midas was allowing himself to be carried away again. The rustle, however, brought him back to his subject.

"I beg pardon," he said, with charming candor. "If I have wandered a little, charge the fault to my great love of good women. The two, Joseph and Mary, I was saying possessed the secret of our Lord's origin. When I consider their relationship to Him, it becomes impossible for me to think they did not tell Him all they knew about him. I prefer to believe the story came first from her. She knew it best; she loved Him most; and as to the time the tale was told, exactness is of no importance. The hour, we may be sure, was auspicious; she held Him clasped in her arms; His head lay upon her breast; from that soft, pure nillow He looked up into her eyes, and then she remembered that He was the Messiah, and she the most blessed



of women, and from that moment He was lost to all the claims of boyhood. In the good old language so nearly descriptive of the indescribable, 'The grace of God was upon Him.'

"Well, if He did not play as other children He at least went to school," one of the auditors said; and Uncle Midas hastened to reply:

"If Nazareth had a school—and the better opinion is that the village was not so favored—it is to be kept in mind that scholars could not be admitted before the age of six, and that all instruction was limited to the law, and was entirely oral. The master sat on a raised seat; the children, on the floor, simply repeated what he recited to them until they knew the lesson by heart. After six years—certainly after He came to know Himself—our Lord was taught, I think, by His mother. She may have initiated Him in the alphabet earlier; anyhow I delight in imagining the two at work. The Torah is spread upon her knee. He has a hand over her shoulder, she an arm about His waist; He is quick to apprehend; their voices are low and sweet; at times they turn to each other, and it is the old story: 'Soft eyes looked love to eyes that spake again.'"

Uncle Midas' voice was a little tremulous, but he went on in the same strain:

"After the lad came to know Himself, the knowledge enforced solemnity and serious thought. The old master who painted Him trudging after Joseph with a basket of tools had the true conception of Him about this time, for He was humble and uncomplaining and delighted in service. Of out-door employments, I am sure he most loved that of a shepherd. In following the capricious flocks as they wandered over the broad Esdruleon, He could freely indulge the expectancy of revelation that must have been His constant condition of mind. I have had visions of Him out in the historic plain, sunburned, large-eyed, oval-faced, leaning upon a crook, a dog by His side. What time He is not observant of His charge, He is listening for voices, attentive to each passing wind, or gazing at the clouds for seraphic messengers, or giving heed to the

emotions of His own being, in the hope of their becoming tell-tales of all he so wished. How tenderly He would carry the weaklings of the herd down the steep and over the stony places! He loved them and they loved Him. The herdsmen of Nazareth were ignorant and poor; still they complied with the law, and at least once every year went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. In the procession on one such occasion there was a family, the head of which was a plain, serious-looking, middle-aged man, with whom the world has since become acquainted as Joseph. His wife, Mary, was then about twenty-seven years of age, gentle, modest, sweet-spoken, of fair complexion, with eyes of violet-blue, and hair half brown, half gold. She rode a donkey. James, Joseph, Simon and Jude, full-grown sons of Joseph, walked with their father. A child of Mary, twelve years old, walked near her. It is not at all likely that the group attracted special attention from their fellow-travelers. 'The peace of the Lord be with you!' they would say in salute, and have return in kind. More than eighteen hundred years have passed since that obscure family made that pious pilgrimage. Could they come back and make it now, the singing, shouting, and worship that would go with them would be without end; not Solomon in all his glory, nor Caesar, nor any or all of the modern kings, would have such attendance. Let us single out the boy, that we may try and see Him as He was—about like His brethren, small, growing, and therefore slender. His attire was simple; on His head a white handkerchief, held in place by a cord, one corner turned under at the forehead, the other corners loose. A tunic, also white, covered Him from neck to knees, girt at the waist. His arms and legs were bare; on His feet were sandals of the most primitive kind, being soles of oxhide attached to the ankles by leathern straps. He carried a stick that was much taller than Himself. The old painters, called upon to render this childish figure on canvas, would have insisted upon distinguishing it with a nimbus at least; some of them would have filled the air over its head with cher-

the better to see the procession winding picturesquely through the broken country. His head is raised in an effort at far sight. The light of an intensely brilliant sun is upon His countenance, which in general cast is oval and delicate. Under the folds of the



handkerchief I see the forehead, covered by a mass of projecting sunburned blonde hair, which the wind has taken liberties with and tossed into tufts. The eyes are in shade, leaving a doubt whether they are brown or violet, like His mother's; yet they are large and healthfully clear, and still retain the parallelism of arch between brow and upper lid usually the characteristic of children and beautiful women. The nose is of regular inward curve, joined prettily to a short upper lip by nostrils just full enough to give definition to transparent shadows in the corners. The mouth is small, and opens slightly so that through the scarlet freshness of its lines I catch a glimpse of two white teeth. The cheeks are ruddy and round, and only a certain squareness of chin tells of years this side the day the Magi laid their treasures at His feet. Putting face and figure together, and mindful of the attitude of interest in what is passing before Him, the lad as I see Him on the rock is handsome and attractive. When the journey shall have ended, and His mother made Him ready for the court of the temple, He may justify a more worshipful description; we may then see in Him the promise of the Saviour of Men in the comeliness



ubs; some would have had the tunic plunged into a pot of madder; the very courtierly amongst them would have blocked the way of both mother and son with monks and cardinals. The boy's face comes to me very clearly. I imagine Him by the roadside on a rock which He has climbed, of budding youth, His sad de-viny yet far in the future."

Let us ease up a little on the worry and cost of Christmas, and keep the best holiday of the ages in the old spirit of unostentatious charity and the exercise of mirth and good-will that refreshes and does not weary.



A MOTHER'S LOVE DISTURBED.

of human life, whose hold upon men has already proven Him a prophet unto Himself, and still goes on widening and deepening—how wonderful, I say, that the childhood of such a man should be so beggarly of authentic incident! As an argument this fact seems at first glance to justify the opinion commonly held that the youth of the Saviour ran in course very much like that of the generality of poor Jewish children."

"I can't believe that, uncle," said Puss, with a show of indignation. "The old gentleman looked at her hesitantly."

"Nor can I," he said. "They say that Joseph, to whom as a child our Lord was subject, was a carpenter who plied only the humbler branches of the trade, and that Mary, his wife, spun the flax and wool for the family, and was a housewife. These are the circumstances chiefly relied upon to support the theory that the condition of the child was poverty. Now while I admit the circumstances, I deny the conclusion. That Joseph was a carpenter signifies nothing, as the law required every Israelite, rich or poor, to follow some occupation. Then was it not written of the exemplar of all the mothers in Israel, 'She looketh well to

the social position of the family, it is enough to remark that, besides being a just man, Joseph was a lineal descendant of David the King."

"They were neither rich nor poor, then," said John.

"Only comfortable," Uncle Midas rejoined; then proceeded: "Exactly the condition to allow our Saviour a marginal time in which to taste something of natural boyish freedom; to have little playmates, run races with the youngest of the flocks, deck Himself from the anemone beds on the hills, and watch the clouds form slowly about the summit of old Hermon. It must be noted, however, that this period was shorter with Him than with our lads, for the terrible Talmudic rules fell upon Him early, after which there was small chance to enjoy boyhood according to our ideas of its enjoyment. By overwhelming men, women, and children with duties, they put existence in iron jackets. To neglect the rules, or the least of them, was to invoke perdition. And besides!"

Uncle Midas drew his gray cap well down, and meditated a moment. "I was about to say," he then continued, "that there was another cause to cut short the joyous marginal period of our Lord which must not be overlooked—a cause peculiar to Himself, and, in my judgment, more influential even than the Talmudic rules. His precocity was miraculous. At a time when other children are musing in their mother's arms, the cells of His understanding began to enlarge and fill with knowledge. The process must have been like the gradual rise of water in the basin of a spring; at all events the knowledge was of a kind to make Him prematurely serious, and it was not derived from books or schoolmasters."

"You think the angels waited upon Him?" interposed Nan.

The question was asked with such artlessness that Uncle Midas, who had been talking with self-concentration, looked at her half startled.

"I did not think of being called upon to make the admission, my little friend," he said; "but I will—only do not take me to be a modern spiritualist. You may have seen copies of the most beautiful of the Virgin Mothers. Murillo did but work according to his faith when he filled the space about the central

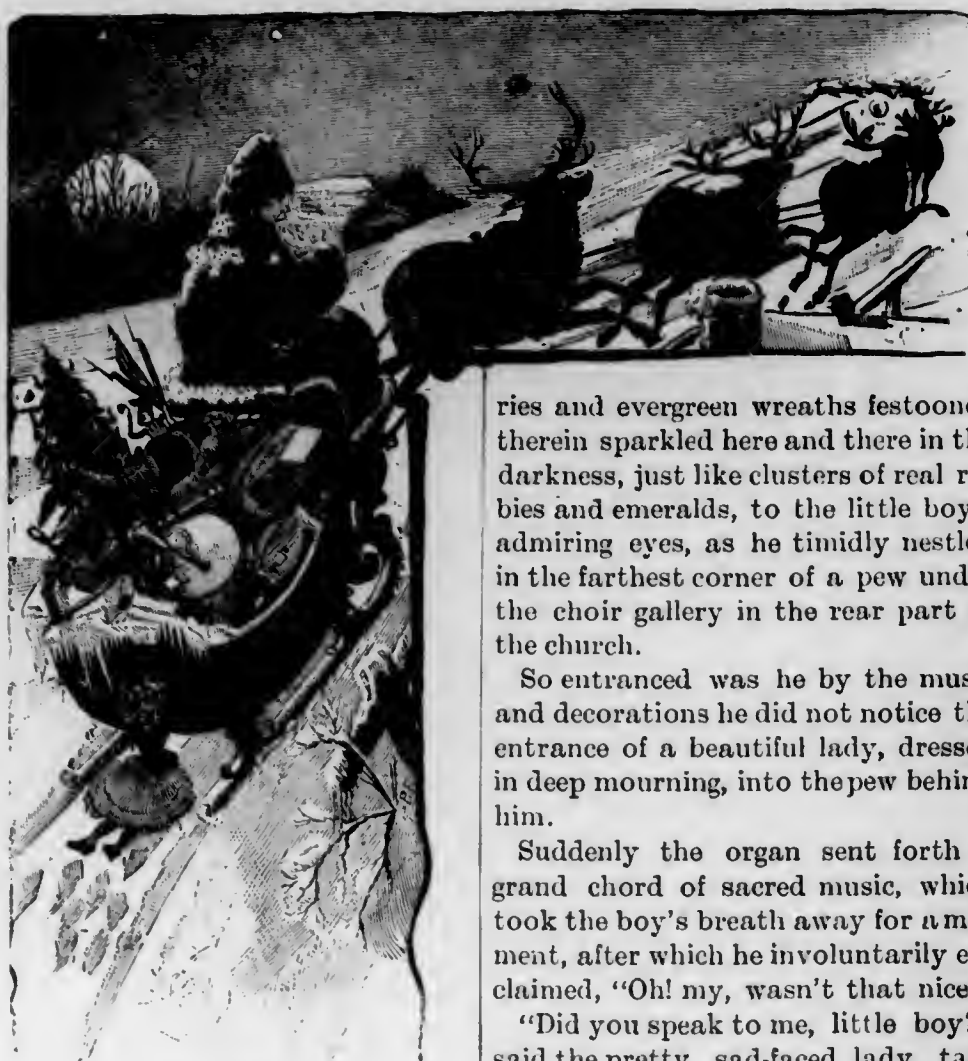


would have been hard for me to refuse to fall in the march with Cyril in his great dispute with Nestorius, and I am sensible of a kindly feeling for Pope Gregory the Great, because he at length settled the dispute by making it lawful to write 'Holy Mother of God' after Mary's name. Neither have I any disposition to quarrel with the devotional habit the peasants have of stopping to kneel before the Mother as she appears above the rural altars on the waysides of Italy. On the quay of the Bosphorus as one approaches Therapia there is an arched vault of an ancient ruin in which a poor hunch-backed Greek keeps a candle always burning before a wretched picture of the Virgin. In front of that humble church I habitually stopped my caïque, and going in, dropped a piastre in the alms-box, and crossed myself. The deformed keeper kept his light, such as it was, burning to the world; my money helped give him bread and maintain his light; the



the ways of her household, and extend not the bread of ill-will. And if we may give heed to accounts not purely Scriptural, Mary owned the house in Nazareth in which the family dwelt, but conforming to the Scriptures, it is

CHRISTMAS BELLS AND NEW YEARS CALL.



CHRISTMAS.

God give you merry Christmas,
And a bright and glad New Year;
Abundant health, sufficient wealth,
Firm friends your days to cheer;
A trusting heart that knows no art,
And a soul that knows no fear.

It maketh spring in winter,
Our merry Christmas day;
May it chase frost and sorrow
Forever far away.

Small feet before the dawn of day,
Are marching to and fro;
Drums beat to arms through all the house,
And peery trumpets blow,
A health to brave old Santa Claus
And to his reindeer bold,
Whose hoofs are shod with silver gold,
Whose horns are tipped with gold!

To the dead he saith: Arise!
To the living: Follow me!
And that voice still soundeth on
From the centuries that are gone,
To the centuries that shall be!

Willie's Christmas Eve.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLK.
Now, dear little boy and girl readers,
I am going to tell you a real true Christ-
mas story, which I hope will please
you all.

One Christmas eve, many years ago,
when the bitter winter wind blew fierce
and cold, and the great white snow-
flakes fell fast and thick on the slip-
pery sidewalks of a big city in the far
western country, a tiny, ragged boy
laid down a huge bundle of clothes he
was carrying, to rest a while and peep
into the beautiful show-windows of a
grand store, from which were hurrying
crowds of men, women and children
laden with Christmas toys and other
purchases.

"Oh, dear, I'm so cold!" said the lit-
tle fellow, shivering, as he took up his
heavy bundle again and trudged bravely
along through the deep-fallen snow
until he came to a grand mansion,
whose basement door-bell he rang
eagerly.

In a few moments a servant girl ap-
peared, who took the bundle from
him, saying her mistress could not
pay for his mother's laundry work un-
til the day after Christmas, and then
she hastily closed the door in the dis-
appointed face of the poor little boy.

"Oh! what will my poor mother say

ries and evergreen wreaths festooned
therein sparkled here and there in the
darkness, just like clusters of real rub-
ies and emeralds, to the little boy's
adoring eyes, as he timidly nestled in
the farthest corner of a pew under the
choir gallery in the rear part of the
church.

So entranced was he by the music
and decorations he did not notice the
entrance of a beautiful lady, dressed
in deep mourning, into the pew behind
him.

Suddenly the organ sent forth a
grand chord of sacred music, which
took the boy's breath away for a mo-
ment, after which he involuntarily ex-
claimed, "Oh! my, wasn't that nice!"

"Did you speak to me, little boy?"
said the pretty, sad-faced lady, tap-
ping him on the shoulder.

"No, ma'am," replied the boy, look-
ing scared.

"How came you to be here, my

child?" she then asked.

"Because—because"—he hesitating-
ly answered, "I heard the nice singing
and music, and—and"—he continued,
the tears again filling up his soft blue
eyes, "I don't want to go home at all
to-night, ma'am."

"Not want to go home at all to-
night!" she repeated in surprise. "But
why?"

"Because," he continued, through
tears and stifled sobs, "my poor
mamma's heart will break sure, when
I tell her the lady she washed and
ironed so hard for all day didn't give
me any money when I brought home
the work."

Then, in his own sad, childish way,
he told the strange lady all his trou-
bles, how hard his poor widowed moth-
er worked for small wages every day
and how very, very poor they were
that Christmas eve.

"But you have not told me your
name yet, dear child," interposed the
lady, who had by this time stepped
into the same pew with the boy.

"My name is Willie," replied he,
glancing earnestly up into her pale,
sweet face.

"Willie! Willie!" she sobbed, clasp-
ing him tenderly to her bosom and
kissing him again and again, "so my
poor suffering child, you bear the same
name as my own darling boy, whose
dear little form was laid beneath the
snow in a narrow bed of clay just one
year ago to-day. Ah! surely it must
have been my Willie's angel spirit that
brought you here to me to-night, dear
child."

Then, leading little Willie out of the
church, she placed him snugly beside
her under the rich warm robes in a
grand sleigh that awaited her outside,
and ordered the liveried coachman to
drive to various stores near by, where-
in she purchased a beautiful Christ-
mas tree, with lots of toys and useful
presents, for her little charge.

Then the coachman, guided by the
happy boy, drove down a dingy alley
to a rickety old tenement basement,
where the poor lone widow sat peering
wistfully through a frost-stained win-
dow-pane, awaiting her son's return
with her day's wages.



OUR LITTLE BROTHER.

when I go back to her without any
money, and we haven't a bit to eat at
home, and no fire in the stove, either?"
moaned the boy, as he reluctantly
started away from the grand house.

The cold wind had frozen the big
tears that rolled down the poor little
lad's thin, hunger-pinched cheeks, as
he walked on through the crowded
streets until he came to a beautiful
church, from which issued low, sweet
sounds of organ music and young
voices chanting Christmas carols.

"I wonder may I go in?" thought
the boy. Then after a moment's hesi-
tation, he stood on his tiptoes and
softly opened the church door, took
off his little ragged cap and entered
the sacred edifice, which was then
only dimly lighted; but the hollyber-

Alarmed at the sight of Willie and a
strange lady emerging from a grand
sleigh at her door, the poor woman
hastily lit a lamp and rushed out to
meet them.

Willie was too full of joy and pres-
ents to explain anything to his as-
tonished mother, but his benefactress,
placing a purse full of crisp new dollar
bills in the grateful woman's hand,
told her all that had happened, and
then departed, after wishing her and
little Willie "good night and a Merry
Christmas."

So now my simple tale is done,
Dear little readers of the Times,
May all your hearts to-morrow throbb
As sweetly as the Christmas chim-
es. A. M. T.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

From the Detroit Free Press.

"I'll foreclose on him, of course I
will!" he chuckled as he rubbed
his hands together. "I lent him the
money, and he can't pay it back, and
why shouldn't I take his house and
lot? I'll take a walk up that way.
They needn't call me an old miser, and
say I'm hard-hearted. It's a straight
matter of business. I lend money on

street and housetop in a spiteful way.
There he shivered as they stepped from
their doors; the poor suffered even as
they remained within.

Miser John left his cheerless home
for a walk of a mile, and as the winds
took hold of him, he fairly gasped for
breath. His garments were old and
thin and worn, but he had planned
that they must do him for the winter.

"It isn't so very cold," he said to
himself, as he hurried along. "All

People who borrow money must pay
it back."

It was lamplight as he paused in
front of the house. It was a better
building than he had hoped for, and
the land seemed to be all there to the
last inch. Miser John was softly rub-
bing his hands when he noticed an ob-
ject leaning on the fence a few yards
away. It did not seem solid enough
for a human being, and yet what could
cast a shadow in the gloom of evening
in such a place?

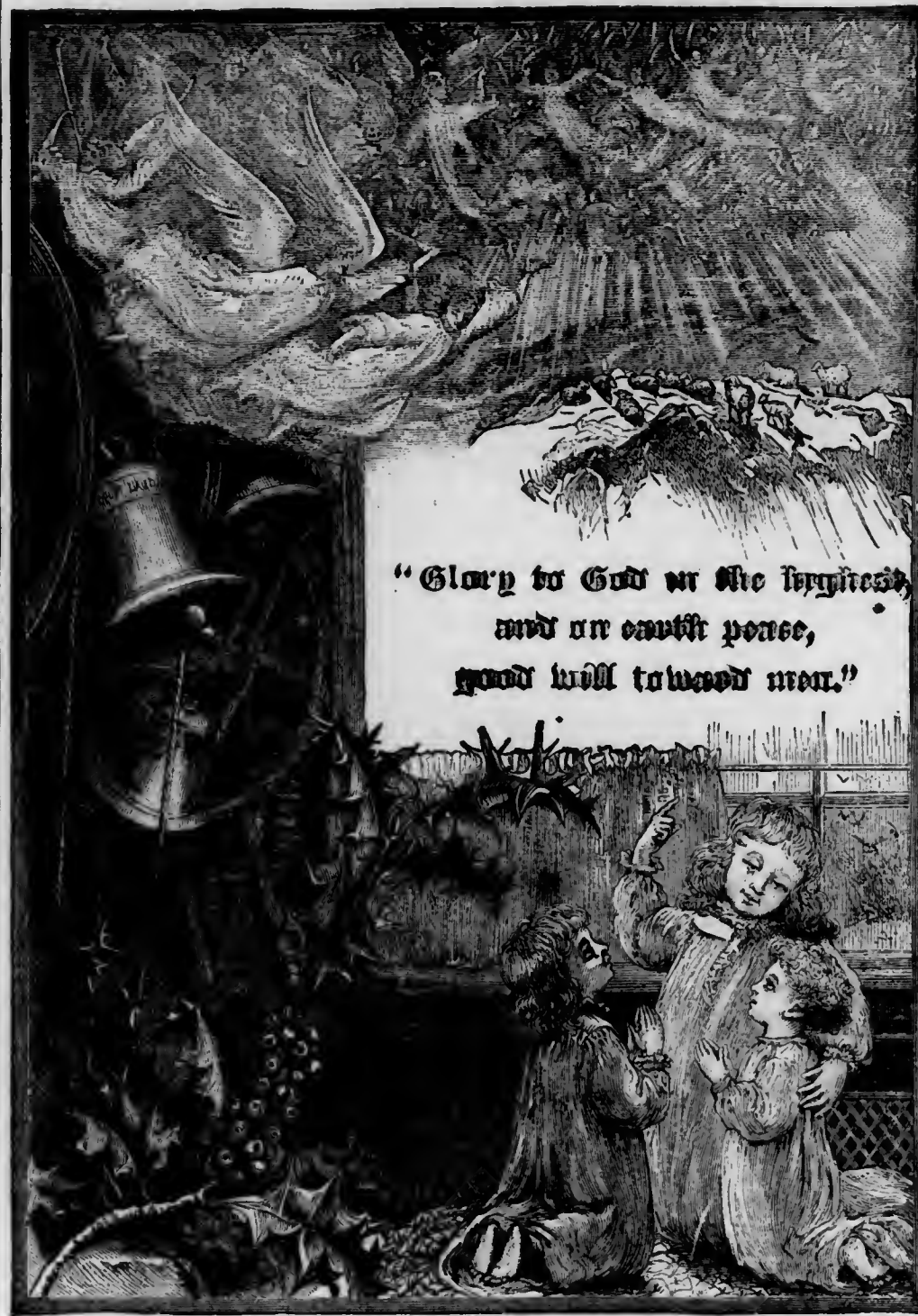
"It may be a robber!" he whis-
pered. "No one has ever tried to rob me
yet, but the time may have come.
People hate me and would be glad to
see me lose my last shilling. John
White would get no sympathy here.
Suppose it is an assassin! I declare
if it didn't move then! I'll go home.
Clark may burn the house down to
spite me, but if he does, I'll send him
to state prison if it costs me \$500."

As he moved away on his route
home the same thing followed after.

all pity from your soul. The widow,
the orphan and the poor and unfor-
tunate have appealed to you in vain."
"They wanted my money," whined
the old man.

"Men have learned to hate you and
children to shun you," continued the
voice. "You have gold hidden away,
but you have no friends. If your
soul was to pass from earth to-night,
there is not one human being in all
this world who would volunteer to
toll your years upon the nearest
church bell. Point me to one who is
your friend. Tell me the name of one
you have befriended. If you have
ever done one kind act toward hu-
manity, speak of it, that I may have
it recorded on the books of the angel
in heaven."

The old man was silent.
"You have been an usurer with the
rich—a robber of the poor. Even this
night you went forth to gloat over the
troubles and misfortunes of a fellow-
being. Hark to the winter winds!



"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men."

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST."

a mortgage; if the money isn't repaid
I'm entitled to the security. That's
straight business the world over."

It was "Old John White," as every
man, woman and child in the town
called him. When they didn't refer
to him by that name it was to speak
of him as "Miser John," "Stingy
White," or "Mean John." Men had
tried to recall one kind or liberal act
on his part, but in vain. Women
had sought to find excuses for his
selfishness and avarice, but it was a

this talk about the poor suffering so
much is nonsense. Let 'em move
around and keep their blood circulat-
ing and they will be warm enough.

He held a mortgage on the little
home of Clark, the mechanic. Death
had entered the man's family—sick-
ness had come—a great factory had
shut down and left scores of men with-
out work or wages. There was inter-
est due as well as principal—and the
day had come when the law would
permit Miser John to commence pro-



THE CHILDREN'S DELIGHT.

ceedings of foreclosure. He was not
the man to delay an hour. The mis-
fortunes of others were nothing to
him. If he owed a debt he had to pay
it; if others owed him, it would go hard
but he would have the amount.

"I'll just pass the house—softly pass
by," he whispered, as he came near it.
There ought to be half an acre of
ground there, and I want every inch of
it. And I want Clark to leave the
house in good repair and to be out as
soon as possible. I'm not to blame
that his boy died, nor for his sickness
nor for the trouble at the factory

silent for a moment, and before he
had found his voice the shadow—the
something—said:
"I have been with you for half a
century, but never before this night
have you seen me."

"And—why to-night?" asked
Miser John in a trembling voice.

"Because your life ends with the
year! When the bells ring out the old
and ring in the new, you will be no
more on earth. John White, what
has been placed to your credit on the
books of heaven?"

"Why—why, I've obeyed the law,
haven't I? And I never done nobody
any harm. I ain't no Christian, but
I've tried to live right."

"I have been with you all these long
years, John White! You have been an
usurer. You have let avarice triumph
in your heart. Selfishness has chased

"Back! Go away! You may believe
me old and helpless, but I'll grapple
with the strongest man and fight to
the death!"

He struck only the empty air,
though the shadow was at his elbow.
It took the key from his hand, un-
locked the door, and he was forced to
enter first. As he stood in the dark-
ness of the room, he heard the key
turn in the lock again. "The some-
thing was locked in with him!"

"It's only some trick to scare me!"
he whispered, "or else my long walk
in the cold has made me nervous and
near-sighted. As soon as I strike a
light it will be gone."

A candle soon shed its light over the
room, and the old man threw fagots
on the fire, which was nearly dead on
the hearth.

"There!" he whispered as he looked
about him, "it's gone! It was some
trick by the boys. They hate me and
like to annoy me. Yes, it's gone."

"It is here!" answered a voice, and
lo! the shadow stepped into view on
the hearthstone.

In his amazement the old man was

He made a run across the darksome
commons. It kept its distance. He
sloped up as he reached a frequented
street, it was no nearer to him—no
farther away. Under the gaslight it
disappeared entirely, but as he enter-
ed upon his own dark street, lo! the
same thing was nearer to him than be-
fore. He heard no footsteps on the
walk except his own. There was no
word or rustle of garments as they
entered the gate side by side and pass-
ed to the door. There was no pres-
ence beside him, and yet there was.
It was nothing, and yet it was a
something. He was awed and fright-
ened, but at the door he turned at
bay and struck out furiously and
shouted:

There was never a word from the
shivering, trembling old man who
crouched over the dying fire.
"And this is the last week of your
life," whispered the voice. "You will
die here in your bed, and it may be
days and days before men miss you
and enter this grim old house to find
you dead. Your hoard of gold will
buy you a coffin and shroud and



SLEIGH-RIDING.

grave, but there will be no mourners.
Children will even rejoice that you are
gone."

With head in his hands and his half-
closed eyes looking into the fire, the
old man remained silent for a long
time. By and by he lifted his
head with a sudden start of surprise,
and the something was gone. He call-
ed out to it, he searched the dark cor-
ners, but it had silently disappeared.



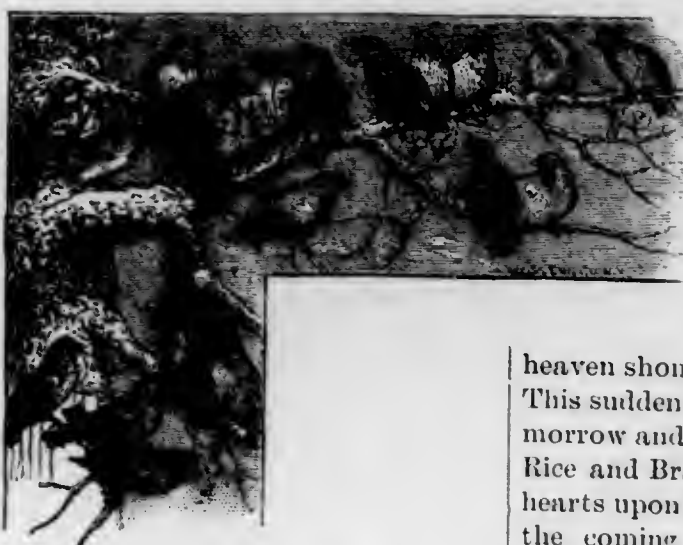
EVENING MEDITATION.

It was the day before Christmas.
Clark, the mechanic, entered Miser
John's house with fear and trembling.
He came out wiping the tears from his
eyes and his face illumined with the
great joy in his heart. Miser John
had cancelled the mortgage. Others
came and went with the same feelings.
The widowed and the fatherless in a
dozen homes were made glad by pres-
ents of food and fuel, and men whis-
pered to each other as they passed: "Isn't
it curious? Miser John has gone
crazy!"

When the sextons stood in the
churches to ring the requiem of the
dying year, and then to peal the deep-
toned bells to welcome in the new,
men came to them and said:

"When that is done, you must toll
the death of Miser John. He died an
hour ago."

CHRISTMAS BELLS AND NEW YEARS CALL.



CHRISTMAS PEACE.

So each shall mourn, in life's advance,
Bear hopes, dear friends, intimately killed;
Shall grieve for many a forfeit chance
And longing passion unfulfilled.
Amen!—whatever fate be sent,
Pray God the heart may kindly glow.
Although the head with cares be bent,
And whitened with the winter snow.

Come wealth or want, come good or ill,
Let young and old accept their part,
And bow before the awful will.
And bear it with an honest heart.
Who misses, or who wins the prize—
Go, love or conquer as you can;
But if you fail, or if you rise,
Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman, or old or young!
(Bear kindly with my humble lays.)
The sacred chorus first was sung
Upon the first of Christmas days;
The shepherds heard it overhead,
The joyful angels raised it high:
Glory to Heaven on high, it said,
And peace on earth to gentle men!

My song, wave this, is little worth;
I lay the weary pen aside,
And wish you health, and love, and mirth,
As fits the solemn Christmas tide.
As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.

—WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

Our North Pole Christmas.

Lieut. Greely in the Chicago Current.
It was Christmas eve in Grinnell
land, as in all the world beside.
The temperature was moderate for the
season, ranging from 25 to 30 degrees
below zero of Fahrenheit. For two
days, however, a severe storm of high



CAUGHT SAPPING.

wind and drifting snow had prevailed,
rendering our usual out-of-door exer-
cise difficult and dangerous. For
seventy days the cheerless gloom and
darkness of the long Arctic night had
been upon us, leaving their impress in
the shape of failing appetites, fading
color and depressed spirits. Now
more than ever came to our minds a
sense of isolation and a remembrance
of that world from which we were

through the kindness of a lady in New
York City, who, although unacquaint-
ed with any member of this expedition,
had, with considerable thoughtfulness,
forwarded some little gift for each of
the party. The present for Lieut.
Kislingbury, when opened, caused con-
siderable merriment, it being a little
wooden dog. It elicited from the lieu-
tenant a question to Private Schnei-
der, which has been often heard in



OLD SANTA'S RECORD BOOK.

separated by long and dreary expanse
of ice and snow.
But Christmas eve had come and it
was time to bestir ourselves and, in a
spirit of unison with our fellow men,
prepare to celebrate the advent of our
Lord. Amidst the storm and gloom
and darkness of the day, we had
made shift to do honor to this birth-
day of one of our party—Corporal
Saler—but would storm and wind al-
lay and give us a brighter Christmas?

lower latitudes: "Ah, Schneider, don't
you want to buy a dog?" The ap-
propriateness of the remark lay in the
fact that Schneider had devoted him-
self to the Eskimo puppies, and was
then caring especially for two litters
of them. The officers' mess was the
recipient of an excellent imitation of
an Irish potato. The commanding
officer received a fan, which was hard-
ly needed to recall the climes for which
it was made. The presents for the

men nearly always included pipes or
tobacco, with the addition of books,
slates, pencils, wristlets, etc. Sergeant
Rice thought it an adverse fate which
sent to him—a non-smoker—a pouch
filled with a goodly quantity of the
weed. Sergt. Gardiner was greatly de-
lighted and surprised by receiving from
his sister a comforter knit by her hands.
Others, who had been the recipients
of appropriate presents for their out-
fit on leaving the United States, some-
what envied Gardiner his Christmas
gift from home. A handsome rug, sent
for one of the men who had been or-
dered back in the steamer Proteus, in
1881, was disposed of by raffle and
fell to Corporal Elison. The distribu-
tion of these gifts was made by Sergt.
Rice, who, in presenting them, added
in each instance a few words of con-
gratulation or well-meant badinage
as best befitted the individual.

The gifts from the commanding of-
ficer were now in order. Twenty-four
cans of uniform size, numbered from
one upwards, were set on the table
and disposed of by chance. The high-
est throw had first choice, and select-
ed a number which entitled him to the
can. As with Portia's needle cas-
kets, the privilege of external exami-
nation was granted, and, as in that
case, where weighty gold and shining
silver lost the prize, so here the heavier
and more attractive cans were not al-
ways the most valuable. In general
the heavier cans were filled with beans,
nuts or rice, while the lighter contain-
ed orders for confections, fruits, rum,
etc. One fortunate individual, Sergt.
Gardiner, drew an order for a ton of
ice—a second order "Good for noth-
ing" and a third a ticket "Good for a
passage to St. Johns by the first
steamer." As transpired two years
later, Gardiner, poor fellow, had it in
mind to turn the joke upon me and
pay me off in my own coin. On one
of the bright days that came to us in
the springtime at Sabine—for, even
amidst all our sufferings and terrible

ated as we were upon the verge of the
world, and living in the great shadow
of that Arctic night, to us all came more
touchingly and forcibly than ever the
truth of those beautiful words:

"If I take the wings of the morning
and remain in the uttermost parts of
the sea,

"Even there also shall thy hand lead
me and thy right hand hold me.

"If I say, peradventure the darkness
shall cover me; then shall my night be
turned to day.

"Yea, the darkness is no darkness
with thee, but the night is as clear as
the day; the darkness and light are
to thee both alike."

Need I say that our morning exer-
cises were closed with "Praise God
from Whom all Blessings Flow," in
which even the least musical raised
his voice?

During the day nearly every man
took an unusual amount of physical
exercise in view of the approaching
feast, and the three-mile course to
Dutch island and back was, as usual,
the favorite of the day. If high noon
brought to us naught but the shining
stars and circling planets of the night,
yet our eyes and senses, trained to
Arctic darkness, enabled us to keep
the rough roadway through the tangle
of ice-foot and on the paleo-crystic
floe. And if Nature by her frosty touch
had banished every living subject from
our clime and thus silenced the hum
of animal life, yet with grand and
wordless voices she spoke to us
through the surging tides and crack-
ling ice-foot.

Christmas Hints.

If one has children something for
them is to be planned first. Girls who
play with dolls are always pleased
with a new one; you can make the
body and buy only the head, and it
will be quite a saving on a large doll.
Now I am going to tell you how to
make a monkey doll. First get a
small coconut and cut it in halves.



THE LITTLE CHERUB'S CHRISTMAS.

privations, our spirits never entirely
faded us, and some days were bright
and cheerful to us—he opened his wal-
let and said:

"I have here, major, a paper that may
interest you. I had intended to pre-
sent it to you to be honored on our
arrival home, but, as that may never
be, I would like you to read it now."

It was my order for a ton of ice.
While the raffling was in progress,
skillful hands had been busy preparing
our Christmas cups, a delicious egg-nog
—delicious to us even though the milk
and eggs used for compounding it were
from the can and not freshly from the
farm. The merriment of the evening,
as was natural and appropriate, burst
forth in song. Plantation melodies,
comic songs and sentimental ditties
were rendered, giving way, as midnight
approached, to sacred hymns and those
beautiful and tender Christmas carols
which have come down to us from the
middle ages. Thus with songs of
praise was ushered in that Christmas
morn in our lonely home in the weird
and frozen Northland.

At 6 o'clock on Christmas day the
thermometer registered 40 degrees be-
low zero, but calm weather and a
clear sky insured a delightful day, as
Arctic days go at that season of the
year. Our breakfast came as usual
at 7:30. At 10 o'clock the men as-
sembled for the customary Sunday
service. The selection of Psalms for
Christmas day was read, as well as
the 139th and 140th Psalms. Situ-

on one piece paint the monkey's eyes,
nose and mouth. Make a good, large
rag doll and cover the hands and feet
with dark brown kid, stitching
through the hands so as to represent
fingers; the feet should also be made
quite flat and but little cotton in
them. Glue the head on and put on a
red flannel or knit cap in such a way
as to conceal this joining of the head
and face, and make black velvet pants
and a red flannel jacket and gift but-
tons. I nearly forgot to say that, of
course, the monkey wants a tail.
A ball knit or crocheted of bright col-
ored worsted, filled with cotton, and a
half a yard of elastic cord attached to
it, will please a small child, and if
you have a boy that likes to drive a
horse, knit him some reins of bright
colored yarn. For children who en-
joy games there are several that can
be made at home. A checker board
for one, as button moulds will answer
for men by coloring half of them, a
fox and goose board, seven races, a
star. The last two named are puzzles
as well as games, and but only one
at a time can play.

Many girls would take an immediate
interest in sewing if they owned a
work-box containing thimble, needles,
several spools of thread, a pretty lit-
tle cake of wax, etc. Cigar boxes make
very good work-boxes by spending a
little time on them.

A nice doll's trunk can be made of a
large cigar box. Nail the lid on firmly,
then have the box saved in two parts,

one inch below the top; the narrow
piece is for the lid. If long hinges can-
not be easily obtained glue on a piece
of cloth, to connect the cover and
body. To represent a zinc trunk
cover the box with silver paper, paste
this on, and to represent the stripes
of wood such as are seen on trunks,
paste on stripes of manilla paper, and
black paper to give the appearance of
iron braces. Perhaps a canvas-
covered trunk is preferred. For this
glue on brown duck cloth, and finish

and mercy has returned the lost sheep
to their fold. There are many such
scenes as this pen picture presents to
day, and to such, indeed, with all our
hearts, we wish a merry Christmas.

The little ones will enjoy their pres-
ents, and they will praise and thank
Santa Claus for the many good things
he has provided them; but alas, it will
not be so with all God's children. The
poor wail who awakes this morning,
and listens to the chiming pealing forth
their joyous anthems will wonder, and



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

the same as the zinc. The inside
should be lined with paper. Knit
caps that will roll up or pull down
over the ears are handy and pretty
for the boys. Toboggan caps are all
the rage for the girls and young
women.

CHRISTMAS.

BY EUGENE FIELD.

My little child comes to my knee
And tugging pleads that he may climb
Into my lap to hear me tell
The Christmas tale he loves so well—
A tale my mother told to me,
Beginning "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of skies that rang
With angel rhapsodies sublime;
Of that great host, serene and white,
The shepherds saw one winter night—
And of the glorious stars that sang
An anthem once upon a time.

This story of the hallowed years
Tells of the sacrifice sublime
Of one who prayed alone and wept
While his wearied followers slept—
And how his blood and Mary's tears
Commingled, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side
And echoes of the distant chime
Bring that sweet story back to me—
Of Bethlehem and Calvary.
And of the gentle Christ that died
For sinners, once upon a time.

The mighty deeds that men have told
In ponderous tones or fluent rhyme,
Like misty shadows fade away—
But this sweet story "hides for aye."
And, like the stars that sang of old,
We sing of "Once upon a time."

Christmas.

"Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vassal, tenant, serf and all;
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year."
To-day is Christmas day, and a
merry one to all our readers is our
hearty and earnest wish.

To-day, we live and celebrate the
greatest feast of all the year, for it
brings to us the Infant Jesus.

We begin our life anew this morning
at the manger in Bethlehem, and with
good intents and promises, propose
to follow in the footsteps of that
sacred child who cuddles to the
bosom of his Holy mother; she who is
destined to follow and share with Him
in His trials and sorrows while on
earth, that she may enjoy the bless-
ings of His heavenly home when the
day of His resurrection cometh.

All nature smiles this morning, and
at every turn we hear the carols of the
Christmas-tide, announcing that "this
day is born to us a Saviour." Man-
kind himself is happy and though the
green sod be carpeted with snow-flakes,
there prevails a quietude, whose throbb-
ing and pulsation fills us with a re-
verence and surround us with a halo of
ethereal light; whose beauty is beyond
compare; whose presence is as brilliant
as the noon-day sun, and as mellow as
the views we often witness by the flit-
ting of the clouds as they cast their
shadows on the hillside and meadow
land in the early morn of a bright sum-
mer's day.

To-day the home circle rejoices, for
it brings the young and old of the
household together, and the peaceful
influence of its happy hours allays,
perhaps, the feeling of strife and con-
tention that may have existed for
years between some members of that
family circle, but under the soothing
influence of a Christmas day, all is for-
gotten and forgiven, the prodigals
have returned; the aged father and
mother are filled to overflowing with
gratitude to Him who in His goodness



that your offerings, on this natal day,
are commensurate with your means;
for if God has been kind to you and
blessed you with a fair supply of this
world's goods, it is but just that you
should contribute of your riches for the
relief of those whom fate has
placed before you as objects of your
charity.

And now, again we wish you a mer-
ry Christmas, and with fond recollec-
tions of the past, we cherish the hope
that the future will still brighten the
pages of memory's reminiscences, and



THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE.

after many years, when Father Time
calls us home, we will have impress-
ed our children with the observance of
this Christmas feast, that they, too,
will enjoy the fruits and blessings of
this holy season as we have done, and
leave to their heirs fond memories of
the merry Christmas tide.

CHRISTMAS BELLS AND NEW YEARS CALL.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the Springtime?
Pleasures and mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would this insure thee
A happy New Year?
What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing the sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall insure thee
A happy New Year?
Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that abounds,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear,
These will insure thee
A happy New Year.

"CANNOT BE MADE OVER."

A New Year's Thought.

"Your house was pretty badly used up," remarked a visitor to the flooded district in Cincinnati to an old man who was sitting on the broken steps of a frame cottage, that was twisted out of all shape.
"Yes," he replied. "Thar ain't much



THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

left of the old house. The high water done a heap of mischief."
"But you'll soon make things over again, as good as new," continued the first speaker.

"Stranger," said the old man, in a husky voice, "thar are some things in this yare world that you can't make over again. This was my home, and so it is yet; this was my home, stran-

ger, but it will never be my home again," and he paused, gazing sadly about him.

"Thar are some things you can't make as they was. When the high water come my wife was in bed with a fever, and the water come and come, and all the time I thought it couldn't come any higher; but the fust thing I knowed, it was clear in the house. Then I had to move her, and what with the fright and the cold and all, she was no sooner under a roof on high ground than she died—my old wife, stranger.

"Yes, she died; died 'fore Bill—Bill was our boy—come back. He was a good boy to his mother and me, but I didn't understand him, and he went off. Yes, he went off, to make his own way in the world.

"But his mother said he would soon come back, and she used to pray the Lord to watch him. She said he would surely come back, and she used to keep his room and his things just as he left 'em. His mother, stranger, always fixed that room every day all ready for him, and if he had come back, everything would have been as he remembered it.

"That room to us, to his mother and me, was wuth more than all the world; but the high water come, and I didn't get a chance to save a thing. All his little boyish things were washed away; the walls is cracked, and when he comes back there will be nothing left to tell him of home—no mother, none of his old things and nothing to show the love of the years that we've waited for him. Stranger, thar are some things you can't make over agin as good as new."

With a dreary shake of the head that told of a sorrow too deep for tears,

BENNIE'S CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

Three Christmas days had shower'd their gifts

On curly-headed Bennie;
But then he was so very wee,
He scarce remembered any.

To-morrow morn the fourth would come,
With Christmas wreaths of holly,
And chiming bells, and Christmas trees,
And Santa Claus so jolly.

His heart was full, his deep blue eyes
With joyous wonder beaming;
When mother said the time had come
For Bennie to go dreaming.

Before she heard his evening prayer,
She told the "old, old story,"
Of the bright star, the shepherd throng,
The angels, and the glory.

Of how the wise men sought and found
The baby in the manger,
And gave their rich and pretty gifts
Unto the Holy Stranger.

Then Bennie clasped his little hands
In prayer, and said, "Now may he
Instead of sending Santa Claus,
Dear God would send a baby."

On Christmas morn the little feet
Went pattering off to mother;
And there beside her, on the bed,
Lay—Bennie's little brother!

CHRISTMAS AT KENLOCK.

St. Andrew's, vine-clad and nestling
in the prettiest of church yards, sen-
tined by giant forest trees, was re-
ceiving its annual holiday attire of
evergreens and holly, with its bright
red berries in pleasant relief, for the
good people of St. Andrew's congrega-
tion could not indulge in the more
costly and luxuriant hot-house flow-
ers. However, a good angel of mercy
in the shape of a friend had sent to
the rector, for the decoration of the

with your decorative genius to fill it,"
continued Eva, and Edith took one of
them lovingly, and buried her sweet
face in its depth, and memory wander-
ed back unbidden to the one who had
generously given them and who had
filled the dearest page in her life's his-
tory.

"Aren't they exquisite, Miss Claire,
and so appropriate?" said the rector.
"And if the kind donor could only
know our gratitude he or she would
feel fully repaid, I'm sure."

Edith felt the hot blood surge
through her veins, and knew that it
had mantled to the roots of her golden
hair.

"But," continued Mr. Dale, "why
these blushes, Miss Claire? Are you
the generous giver?"

"Oh, no! no!" she quickly replied;
"but entre nous, Mr. Dale, I think Mr.
Wolcott is, as he never forgets our dear
old church."

"I should not be surprised. He is
all generosity, and I was sorry we had
to have him leave our midst."

Here Edith was called away and the
conversation stopped.

"Humph!" mentally ejaculated the
rector; "they were fond of each other
once, I recall, and they parted mysteri-
ously, but I do hope they may some
day be reunited, as they are just suit-
ed to each other."

But smiling to himself he also won-
dered if he had fallen to match making
in his old days.

The church was all dressed, even to
a bunch of the beautiful lilies on the
pulpit stand. The choir had rehearsed
their chorals and chants, and each and
all had wandered to their respective
homes, and Kenlock was once more
wrapt in silence, and the moon shone
bright and silvery in its radiance on
another Xmas eve.

"No explanation necessary, Mr. Wol-
cott; your offense is an unpardonable
one and I shall not require your com-
pany home, or further in the future."

"But, Edith, you do not, you can
not understand, or you could not be
so inexorable. An audience is due
me, and for past relations at least,"
returned Harry Wolcott.

"Those relations are severed, Mr.
Wolcott, and I bid you good after-
noon." And Edith left him



standing alone dumbfounded, his face
flushed with emotion, and wondering
if this could be Edith Claire, his
Edith, always so calm, so amiable, so
lovely. "If she had only listened to me
all would have been well, and I wish I
had never known Miss Wynne, for she is
to blame for it all, though I should
never say so to Edith. I cannot give
my darling up in this way, she whom
I have always loved better than my
life. I shall try once more, and if she
says me nay I will leave old Kenlock,
for I could never bear to be near her
and yet so far apart." Thus he sollo-
quized, his head bare, and his hand on
his brow, while Edith was feigning the
gayest of the gay dancing and coquet-
ting, something wholly foreign to
her noble nature, until to-day, her
pride was piqued, and she scorned to
show it. It all came about at a pic-
nic, and Harry Wolcott was by Edith's
side, assiduous as usual in his atten-
tions, for they had been lovers for
years, and their relations were gener-
ally understood, and all had gone
smoothly until this day of days when
there appeared upon the scene a beau-
tiful girl from the city—a Miss Wynne,
who, meeting Harry Wolcott, who was
handsome, wealthy, and every bit a
gentleman, laid siege to him in fas-
cinating manner, winning smiles and
all the other artifices known to her.
He had solicited a dance, whereupon
she petulantly refused, and proposed a
stroll to the lake near by. Harry gal-

ly revered, was an unwilling listener
to a conversation near by.

"Have you noticed Harry Wolcott
to-day, he has been all devotion to
that Miss Wynne, and there is no com-
parison between Edith and her. She
is a born coquette I can see, and will
only encourage him to discard him
at her pleasure," said Mary Grey,
somewhat given to gossip. "And,"
returned her companion, "I'm afraid
he will be silly enough to be duped by
her, as Harry was always susceptible,
you know."

Edith could hear no more, and mov-
ed away, conflicting emotions warn-
ing within her breast.

"To think that Harry, of all men,
my ideal, my love, should subject me
to such humiliating gossip, even if he
be innocent, and himself to such with-
ering criticism is more than I can
bear, and I shall not even listen to
him when he comes to vindicate him-



self," and tears filled her pretty brown
eyes, but she speedily dashed them
away and joined in the gay throng,
the admirer of all.

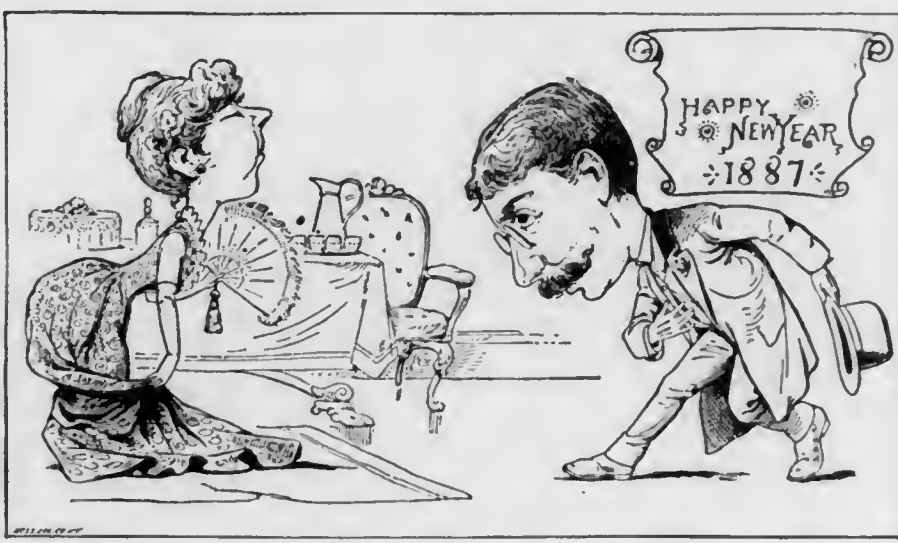
Thus they parted, and he, after re-
newed efforts for a reconciliation be-
ing denied, had left Kenlock, and gone
to the neighboring city of B—.

Christmas morning dawned clear
and beautiful, and St. Andrew's was
filled to its utmost. "Glory to God
on high, and on earth peace, good will
to men" had been chanted, and Edith
had risen to sing her solo, Schubert's
"Ave Maria." As the first clear notes
of the interlude from the organ pealed
forth, she timidly ventured to scan
the faces nearest to her, and looked
straight into the eyes of Harry Wol-
cott, in his old accustomed place in his
father's pew. She became nervous,
but her voice rose sweet and birdlike
through the old church, and when she
had sung the last "Ave Maria," a
hush of admiration stole over the
throng gathered within its walls, more
expressive than outward demonstra-
tion ever given vent to.

Services over and a general greeting
exchanged by all, and Edith lingered
in the choir stall until she was alone,



gathered prayer and hymn book, and
traced to leave, when she saw a man-
ly form, too familiar to mistake, and
a voice very near saying in the old
winning tones: "Oh, Edith, my love,
I could not bear it longer, I have come
back to ask you once more to hear
me in self-justification, and your dear,
true heart cannot deny me. May I
accompany you home? May I buy your
escort as of yore, and may I add for
all time? Tell me, darling, I have suf-
fered so long." And she looked into
his eyes, beaming and bright with an



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lantly assented, but mentioned how
afraid their joint would be necessarily
a short one, as he must meet other
engagements. Of course, as fate will-
ed, he was late to fill his next dance
with Edith, while she was in the mean-
time not only offended and hurt at
such treatment from one she so high-

expression not to be mistaken, and
said confidently, the sexton will shut
us up, Harry, if we do not hasten
out." So they wended their way as
of yore, side by side from the little
church, and the old, old story was
never more sweetly whispered than
on that day at old Kenlock.